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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY FEELS THAT ONE WAY TO IMPROVE FLOW OF SUPPLIES TO CABINDAN REFUGEES WOULD BE FOR EGLISE DU CHRIST AU ZAIRE (ECZ) ONCE MORE TO BE INCLUDED AMONG THOSE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES DISTRIBUTING US FUNDED ASSISTANCE. ECZ HAS RECEIVED NO PRIVATE AMERICAN FUNDS AND HAS GONE INTO DEBT TO FINANCE MEAGER HELP CURRENTLY PROVIDED. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPT USE SOME AMERICAN PROTESTANT BODY AS ITS AGENCY TO ALLOW ECZ TO RESUME CABINDAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AND SUGGESTS THAT AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE BE CONTACTED FOR THAT PURPOSE.X END SUMMARY.

2. REFTELS A AND B REPORTED THAT CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CWS) INTENDED TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF CABINDAN REFUGEES BUT WITHOUT USG ASSISTANCE. DIRECTOR OF REFUGEE SERVICES OF ECZ BOLINSOMI TOLD EMBOFFS THAT ECZ HAD RECEIVED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION FROM CWS IN JUNE BUT NOTHING SINCE. THAT CONTRIBUTION CONSISTED OF USG FUNDS WHICH HAD BEEN SENT IN MAY. DELAY IN RECEIPT CAUSED BY CWS INSISTENCE ON SENDING FUNDS TO ZAIRE VIA ITS NAIROBI REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

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3. BOLINSOMI WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN FROM EMBOFFS THAT CWS HAD DECIDED AGAINST CONTINUING TO ACT AS AN AGENT FOR USG FUNDS DESIGNED TO ASSIST CABINDAN REFUGEES. CWS HAD NOT INFORMED ECZ OF THAT DECISION AND ECZ WAS LABORING UNDER THE MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT MORE USG FUNDS WERE IN THE PIPELINE. ECZ HAD, IN FACT, GONE 20,000 DOLLARS INTO DEBT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO CABINDAN REFUGEES BECAUSE IT THOUGHT ADDITIONAL USG FINANCIAL HELP WAS ON THE

WAY.

4. BOLINSOMI CONFIRMED THAT ECZ WAS ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE TO ACT AS AGENT FOR USG IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CABINDAN REFUGEES. WHILE MAKING NO PROMISES, EMBOFFS ASKED BOLINSOMI IF ECZ WAS IN CONTACT WITH US ECUMENICAL BODIES OTHER THAN CWS. AFTER CHECKING WITH

OTHER ECZ OFFICIAL, BOLINSOMI NAMED SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHURCHES AS WELL AS AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE WHICH HE SAID OFTEN ACTED FOR OTHER PROTESTANT BODIES IN PERFORMING CHARITABLE WORK ABROAD.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION:
MINIMAL NEEDS OF CABINDAN REFUGEES ARE STILL NOT BEING MET. THIS IS TRUE BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE UNHCR REFUGEE CAMPS. WHILE SITUATION INSIDE CAMPS MAY IMPROVE WHEN UNHCR DIRECTOR NOEL DEPARTS NOV 1ST, XSITUATION OUTSIDE CAMPS WILL NOT. IRC AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES CONTINUE TO DO GOOD WORK BUT THEY ARE NOT, AND CANNOT BE, IN CONTACT WITH ALL REFUGEES OUTSIDE THE CAMPS. ECZ HAS THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROVIDE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MANY CABINDAN REFUGEES NOT NOW BEING HELPED.

6. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPT FIND SOME US PROTESTANT BODY WILLING TO ACT AS AGENT FOR USG IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CABINDAN REFUGEES NOT NOW BEING REACHED BY VOLAGS AND UNHCR. UNLESS DEPT FEELS THAT A MORE ECUMENICAL BODY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD BE PREFERABLE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE BE CONTACTED FOR THIS PURPOSE. WHILE EMBASSY REMAINS CONVINCED THAT USG ASSISTANCE TO CABINDAN REFUGEES SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES RATHER THAN MONEY (REFTEL C), THIS SUBSIDIARY QUESTION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DELAY THE RESOLUTION OF THE MORE IMPORTANT PROBLEM OF HOW TO REACH A LARGER NUMBER OF THOSE CABINDAN REFUGEES IN SERIOUS NEED OF HELP.
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